[Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai.]

(*a*) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies went on tour to Nagercoil to enquire into a reference made in connection with the proceedings of the Managing Board of the Nagercoil People's Co-operative Bank, Ltd., No. 386;

(*b*). whether the subject matter of the enquiry was referred to the Managing Board for their remarks;

(*c*) whether without the report of the Board he passed an ex-parte order;

(*d*) whether as a result of such order all except three resigned as a mark of their protest;

(*e*) whether a special general body meeting was called for to consider the matter;

(*f*) whether the general body reinstated all those who resigned; and

(*g*) whether the Registrar proposes to take any further action on the matter?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Registrar of Co-operative Societies*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) to (*f*) Yes.

(*g*) The matter has been satisfactorily settled.

Muslims and the Education Department.

49. ✻MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the action taken on the previous representation made at the 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th Sessions of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly (*vide* Subjects Nos. 160, 148, 143, 156 and 145, respectively) to appoint qualified Mahomedans as teachers in the Vernacular and English High Schools of the State to popularise education among the Muslims;

(*b*) how many appointments since then were made in the Education Department and how many of them are Mahomedans;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the additional leisure hour granted on Friday to Mahomedan students in the Government High, Schools and Colleges as per para 9 of G. O. 1989, dated 31st May 1919 and Government letter No. E. 2690/349 of 14, dated the 2nd July 1920, has not been loyally observed by the Education Department; and if so, what action they have taken in the matter?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Deputy Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Qualified Mahomedans have been preferred for appointment in the department whenever possible.

(*b*) Statement is laid on the table.

(*c*) Government understand that the concession has been freely granted in all institutions whenever the Mahomedan pupils ask for it.

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Statement showing the number of appointments made in the Education Department and the number of Mahomedans among them.

Name of institution.	No. of appointments made.	No. of Mahomedans appointed.	Period to which the appointment relates.
Training College	5	...	...
English Branch	245	11	Last 10 years
Vernacular Branch	217	4	Last 12 years
Girls' Branch	1,206	6	Last 18 years
Reformatory School	45	2	Last 21 years

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: May I know from the member how the appointment of Mahomedan teachers in schools will help to popularise education among Mahomedans?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: I think it will be a source of encouragement to the Mahomedan community.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: Sir, I rise to a point of order. In answer to part (*b*) it is stated that a statement is laid on the table. We are not able to ask any supplementary questions on that.

PRESIDENT: Yes, that point of order was raised in the other House also and I have promised them to consider the relevancy of that and give my ruling when the House meets next time. Two or three other points were also brought to my notice and I have promised to study them and give a ruling. This is one of the points.

Education Advisory Board.

50. ✻MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) who made the selection of the members of the Education Advisory Board;

(*b*) whether that Board has met, and, if so, how many times and the duration of each sitting; and

(*c*) whether they have received any recommendations from the Board, and, if so, whether they will place them on the table together with the minutes of the sittings of the same for the information of the Council?

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